GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2438
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DECLINE IN PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the initiation of liberalization petro-chemical industries have gradually declined;

(b) if so, the names of the companies to which the licenses have been issued by the Government for producing polyester staple fiber (PSF) and polyester fiber yarn (PSY);

(c) the total production of PSF and PSY during each of the last three years, so far;

(d) whether indigenous production in sufficient to meet the demand of the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, whether Government propose to import PSF and PSY to meet the growing demand; and
(g) if so, the details thereof during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) : No, Sir. There has been no decline of the Petrochemical industry.

(b) : PSF and PFY are delicensed items and as such no industrial licence is required.

(c) : As per the information available, the production of PSF and PFY during the last 3 years is as under

(Figures in `000` MT)

Year	PSF	PFY
1997-98	431	662
1998-99	519	715
1999-2000	547	778

(d) to (g) : The domestic capacity of PFY and PSF is adequate to meet the domestic demand.